

Re point V.

1 In the present opinion, reference is made to the following documents:

D1: EP 1 291 222 A (KAUTEX TEXTRON GMBH & CO KG) 12th
March 2003 (2003-03-12)

D2: US-A-5 527 163 (WERKMANN KARL-HEINZ ET AL) 18th June
1996 (1996-06-18)

D3: DE 196 00 872 A (BOSCH GMBH ROBERT) 17th July 1997
(1997-07-17)

2 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1

2.1 The present application does not fulfil the requirements of Article 33(1)
PCT because the subject matter of claim 1 is not novel with regard to
Article 33(2) PCT.

Document D1 discloses (the references in brackets relate to this
document):

A fastening device (6), having a fastening element, for components
(23) to be arranged in a fuel tank (1) of a motor vehicle, the fastening
element (6) having a head part (4) arranged on the base part (4) and
having a head part (6) arranged on the component (23), it being
possible to connect the head part (6) of the component and the head
part (4) of the base part (4) to one another in a non-positive and
positive manner. (cf. D1, page 5, paragraphs 41, 42, figs. 1, 3, 7, 8)

A similar objection is raised on the basis of the documents D2 and D3.

3 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2-13

3.1 Furthermore, the features of claims 2 and 3 are also known from
document D1, since D1 presents (the references in brackets relate to
this document):

- A fastening device (6) in which at least one of the head parts (7) of the fastening element is of sleeve-shaped design. (cf. D1, page 3, paragraph 24, fig. 10)
- A fastening device (6) in which has at least one duct running continuously through the head parts on the component and on the base part, and in which the head parts of the component and base part are sealingly connected. (cf. D1, page 5, paragraphs 41, 42, fig. 9)

3.2 Claims 4-13 contain no features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they relate, fulfil the requirements of the PCT with regard to novelty and inventive step.